

COVER PAGE**PACIFIC BASIN AREA: FY2004 EQIP RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET****Planning Considerations**

- ♦ Cost Effectiveness
- ♦ Financial Condition
- ♦ Markets
- ♦ Input Level
- ♦ Sustainability

Conservation Planners shall review with clients the following considerations as part of the conservation planning process:

- Client or farm manager experience
- Planning horizon
- Special emphasis status i.e. person with disability
- Available economic and labor resources
- There is a reasonable relationship between the cost of the system and the changes in the resource conditions it brings about
- There is an ability to acquire funds to install and maintain the system over time without destroying the financial viability of normal farm operations or precluding a normal degree of participation in USDA programs
- There are adequate and available markets for affected farm enterprise products
- There are adequate or sufficient management skills, land, labor, material and/or equipment present or obtainable to operate and maintain the proposed system
- There is a reasonable expectation of long-term profitability for the operation as a whole
- Assumption of the degree of risk should be reasonable when compared to the alternative
- Time available for full realization of the stated purpose of the practice(s) should not adversely affect the ability to install, manage or maintain the planned practice(s)

Conservation Planners shall also be aware of agency and program policy not limited to the following:

- ♦ Contracts will have a minimum length of one year AFTER the last practice is certified complete
- ♦ Regional Conservationist must approve or disapprove any contract with total contract obligations greater than \$100,000
- ♦ A maximum incentive payment for any combination of practices is Not To Exceed \$15,000 in any year without the Pacific Basin Director's written approval
- ♦ Three years (3) maximum of incentive payments per practice is allowed
- ♦ Maximum payment limits for eligible practices are listed on the FY2004 EQIP Cost List
- ♦ NRCS Prescribed Burning certification is required to plan or consider Prescribed Burning (PB338) for any conservation plan of operations

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| Applicant Name: | Date: |
| Tract Number: | Field Number(s): |
| Island: | Conservation District: |
| NRCS Planner: | COST ESTIMATE: |
| TOTAL POINTS: _____ | |

FY2004 EQIP Ranking Criteria Worksheet

| Practices | Ranking Points | POINTS TAKEN | NOTES |
|--|----------------|--------------|-------|
| PB560, Access Road | 50 | | |
| PB311, Alley Cropping | 90 | | |
| PB342, Critical Area Planting | 60 | | |
| PB362, Diversion | 50 | | |
| PB382, Fence | 20 | | |
| PB386, Field Border | 60 | | |
| PB393A, Filter Strip | 20 | | |
| PB412, Grassed Waterway | 50 | | |
| PB561, Heavy Use Area Protection | 60 | | |
| PB422, Hedgerow Planting | 15 | | |
| PB423, Hillside Ditch | 50 | | |
| PB441, Irrigation System, Micro-irrigation | 10 | | |
| PB442, Irrigation System, Sprinkler ¹ | 60 | | |
| PB466, Land Smoothing | 40 | | |
| PB512, Pasture and Hay Planting | 40 | | |
| PB516, Pipeline | 20 | | |
| PB528A, Prescribed Grazing | 30 | | |
| PB555, Rock Barrier | 30 | | |
| PB557, Row Arrangement | 25 | | |
| PB612, Tree/Shrub Establishment | 90 | | |
| PB472, Use Exclusion | 60 | | |
| PB313, Waste Storage Facility | 30 | | |
| PB614, Water Facility | 60 | | |
| PB636, Water Harvesting Catchment | 10 | | |
| PB380, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment | 15 | | |
| PB650, Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation | 15 | | |

¹. Cost share approved for micro-irrigation sprinklers only.

NOTE:

- Maximum of 3 years of incentive payments per practice.
- A maximum incentive payment for any combination of practices Shall Not Exceed \$15,000 in one year without Pacific Basin Director's written approval.
- Maximum payment limits for PBA structural and incentive practices are listed on the EQIP Cost List.
- Derivation of Ranking Points: Points Assigned x Life Span of Practice = Ranking Points.
(Eligible conservation practices whose standard purpose addresses the soil erosion resource concern receive 3 assigned points. Practices that address the water quality resource concern receive 2 assigned points. Any and all other resource concerns addressed by a practice, together, receive 1 assigned point. A conservation practice could receive a maximum of 6 assigned points.)